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HB 536
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AQUACULTURE
AND MARICULTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Statement for
House Committee on
Ocean and Marine Resources
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HB 536 would provide funds to enhance the aquaculture and mariculture training programs and activities at the Office of the Marine Affairs Coordinator. The statement on this bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The intent of HB 536 is commendable and we encourage the consideration and development of education and training programs related to aquaculture and mariculture. We are concerned, however, as to the coordination of these programs with the existing Marine Education Plan. To the extent that the funds provided by HB 536 are in accord with and pursuant to the Marine Education Plan, we would support this legislation. If, however, the programs do not conform with the intent and direction of the Marine Education Plan, then we would suggest that further analysis of the needs and direction of aquaculture and mariculture training programs be considered.